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1. The Southwest Yunnan Border Defense Command was organized in Kunming [] by KUO T'ien-min (郭天民), deputy commander of the 4 Army Group of the 2 Field Army and concurrently deputy commander of the Yunnan Military District. KUO took 30,000 men from the Yunnan Military Region and more than 20,000 from the Kwangsi-Yunnan-Kweichow Border Column, commanded by CHUANG T'ien (莊天), and reorganized them into the following three border defense commands:

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- a. The K'ai-Leng Border Defense Command occupies the Ami (103-10, 23-14) and Mengtzu (103-23, 23-20) region. Headquarters is in K'ai Yuan, and advance units are stationed in Tashutang (103-55, 22-54) and Hokou (103-57, 22-32), along the Yunnan-FIC railroad.
- b. The Ssu-P'u Border Defense Command occupies the Ssumao (101-04, 22-47) and Puerh (101-05, 23-03) region. Headquarters is in Puerh, and advance units are at Cheli (100-50, 21-58), and Fohai (100-26, 21-58), both south of Fuerh.
- c. The Pao-T'eng Border Defense Command occupies the Paoshan (99-09, 25-07) and Tengchung (98-29, 25-01) region. Headquarters is in Paoshan, and advance units are stationed in Nantien (98-20, 24-49), southeast of Tengchung.

2. The Southwest Yunnan Border Defense Command has been ordered to supervise the engineering battalion of the 4 Army Group in the reconditioning of communication lines between Kunming and the Southwest Yunnan border region in order to adapt them for modern military transportation.

25X1 Comment. Tashutang and Kokou are key points on the route to Hanoi; Cheli and Fohai are on the route to Kontung (99-36, 21-17) in northeast Burma; Nantien is on the route to Bhamo.

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